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**LET IT SNOW** - (Above) Cheryl, Clay, and Chrys Brummal took advantage of the snow last week as they built a snowman and snow-woman while visiting their parents, Jim and Sue Brummal. They names them Jim and Sue, in honor of their parents. (Right) Dallas Williford, daughter of Michael and Andrea Williford, enjoys sliding across the snow on an intertube. See more snow day photos on page 8.

## What's your New Years Resolution?

It's time for those New Years Resolutions that we know we will stick to! We asked Hickman Countians through Facebook to share some of their resolutions, and got some interesting responses.

Susan Potts posted, "My new years resolution is to find a way to help the needy children in our community! We are always hearing of help the children, save the children from countries out of the United States...I want to help the children here! wish me luck :)." Jackie Bannion wrote, "Mine is to loose weight from all the holiday foods I've eaten."

Virtie Townley said "I'm going to use more wisdom in how I spend this precious thing called 'TIME'!!!"

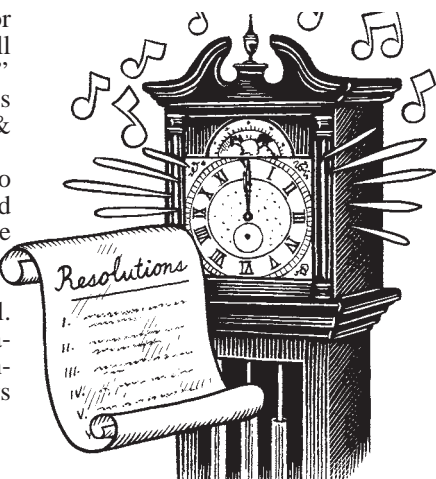
Kathy Bishop shared, "My resolution is to spend more time in reading my Bible and much prayer for our Country friends and leaders we have

voted to make the right choices for for our Nation. I in turn wil need you all to pray for me to keep this resolution."

Toni McDaniel said, "New year's resolution, Get fit... Walk with Jesus & run from evil!!!"

Deloris Green has a resolution to "Try to be a better wife , mother, and grandmother and live closer to The Lord as I can."

The Hickman County Gazette has made a New Years Resolution as well. It is to provide a high quality newspaper to the residents of Hickman County, providing accurate and timely news coverage.



## Stabbing suspect caught in Columbus

James Ronnie Grubbs is being charged with assault after an altercation that led to the stabbing of Danny Malady. According to Kentucky State Police, At 4:29 p.m. troopers were dispatched to 32 Front St. in Bardwell in response to a disturbance. When police arrived, 47-year-old Danny Malady was being treated by paramedics for a stab wound to the leg.

Malady was taken to Lourdes hospital for treatment of critical injuries.

Police later traveled to Hickman County and found 38-year-old James Ronnie Grubbs at 710 Cosby Road in Columbus.

Grubbs is charged with first-degree assault. He was taken to the Ballard County Jail.



James Ronnie Grubbs

## A letter from Clinton Police Chief Snapper Seaton

Concerned Clinton Residents,

On behalf of the Clinton Police Department, I would like to provide a statement concerning our increase of presence at the elementary and high schools. There has been no threat whatsoever. Following the recent, horrific tragedy in Connecticut, our aim is to provide reassurance to this community, parents, children, and our school's staff. We are committed to making this community, especially our schools, as safe as possible.

A meeting between school officials, The Clinton Police Department, and The Hickman County Sheriff's Office has already taken place to review safety procedures and standard protocol for crisis situations. Drills will take place in

the near future to better prepare school staff and law enforcement officials in the event that a crisis situation takes place. The Hickman County Sheriff, Mark Green, made mention of looking into funding for a school resource officer in which his/her responsibility would be focused directly on the school system. Until such an officer is established, the community can expect to see a police cruiser on campus of both, elementary and high schools.

I am sure parents of the elementary school have noted a few changes in drop-off/pick-up procedures. It is imperative that traffic in and out of the schools be minimized and closely monitored to provide the safest atmosphere possible for our children. It was also discussed that, in the event of a

crisis situation, parents and community members should refrain from rushing the schools to allow law enforcement, other emergency services, and school staff the opportunity to carry out our plan of action. Let us pray this never occurs.

I thank you in advance for your support and cooperation with law enforcement and school staff as we work together to ensure safety within our school system. As always, my door is open to any concerns, questions, or suggestions.

Sincerely,  
Snapper Seaton  
Police Chief



Clinton Police Chief  
Snapper Seaton

## Wilson speaks about school safety to Rotary

Charlotte Smith

"It hit us all very hard," stated Hickman County Schools Superintendent Kenny Wilson when he addressed the Clinton Rotary Club on Wednesday, Dec. 19 following the recent tragedy in Connecticut. "Safety is the most important thing we do every day for our kids."

While nothing this drastic has affected the school children in Hickman County, Wilson did recall an incident that happened three years ago when a "dusting of snow" became eight inches of snow and school buses couldn't run in the afternoon. "We got caught, as you could say, with our pants down and we did not send the buses home that afternoon," he added. "I guess that is the first time in the history of the schools that the buses never ran. We felt it wasn't safe enough to let them out on the highways."

This reiterates the fact that before those employed at the schools educate children, they must first keep them safe not only at school, but also while transporting them to and from school.

Four years ago when Wilson and Casey Henderson, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Pupil Personnel arrived in Hickman County they set up an emergency plan

for various scenarios that could be encountered at any time at either of the schools. Incidents like a spill from a turned over anhydrous wagon, a plane crashing into the school, and other various emergency events.

There isn't a plan for an incident such as the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, but Wilson did say that school personnel have met with local law enforcement personnel from both the Clinton Police Department and the Hickman County Sheriff's Department. "We met for an hour earlier in the week," stated Wilson. "We plan to meet again and go over a detailed layout of each of the schools."

"There will be an increased presence of local law enforcement in our schools on a daily basis," Wilson further stated. They will look to the Hickman County Fiscal Court to help fund a resource officer.

Other actions taken by school personnel included a hard look at the pick up and drop off procedures. "We decided to not let adults come in," he said. "Teachers come to front doors to pick up the smaller children."

"We have really stepped up our efforts," concluded Wilson. "We will never let these efforts wane. We want all of the children to be safe."

## Hawks to attend UK College of Dentistry

Corbin M. Hawks of South Fulton, Tenn., was recently accepted to the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in Lexington.

Hawks is a 2009 graduate from South Fulton High School, and is currently in his senior year at the University of Kentucky.

He will earn his bachelors degree in Agricultural Biotechnology in May 2013 before beginning the dental school curriculum in August.

Hawks has maintained a 3.8 grade point average and has been on the Dean's List each semester.

Hawks has been a member of Delta Tau Delta Social Fraternity where he has served as Academic Chairman for two terms and is currently serving as Vice President of Internal Operations.

In the 2011-2012 school year, he was voted "Delt Man of the Year".

Hawks is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael L. Hawks of South Fulton. Dr. Hawks also attended the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Gammon of South Fulton, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hawks of Fulton.



Corbin M. Hawks

### Local Weather

Wed 1/2 36/27



Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the upper 20s.

Thu 1/3 40/24



Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s.

Fri 1/4 38/26



Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the mid 20s.

Sat 1/5 44/29



Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 20s.

Sun 1/6 46/31



More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.

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# 2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

## JANUARY

### Kellett announces retirement

Hickman County Circuit Court Clerk Cathy Kellet is not filing to run again for re-election.

Kellet started working in the Clerk's office in 1978 as a deputy clerk. She retired from that position in December of 2002, took the test, and ran for office in 2006.

Kellet was then elected as the Hickman County Circuit Court Clerk.

Carolyn Kimbell was the Circuit Court Clerk who Kellet worked under during her time as a deputy clerk.

"Carolyn gave all of us the opportunity to learn," said Kellet.

Kellet plans to spend time with her family after the end of her term. "I am ready to spend time with my son, two grandsons, and daughter-in-law," said Kellet smiling.

Even though she will be happy to have free time, Kellet reflected on her time in office.

"This has been a very rewarding term," she said. "It has been a pleasure to serve the people of Hickman County."



Cathy Kellet

### Bushor hired as ICF administrator

Mr. Rollie Bushor, Mayfield, Ky, was named as the new administrator of the Clinton - Hickman County ICF on Friday, following a two month hiring process. Bushor has over 15 years of experience and is licensed at a Kentucky Nursing Home Administrator. He spent 11 years at Mills Manor in Mayfield, Ky. The hiring process began in November 2011 when the Board of Directors appointed a committee to begin seeking resumes for the position of administrator at the Clinton - Hickman County ICF.

The position was advertised in area newspapers throughout Western Ky and Western Tn, and 15 resumes were received by Dec. of those 15, three were chosen to be interviewed. "I am very pleased that a person from the area, as well as Mr. Bushor's long term care experience, is going to be part of the Clinton - Hickman County ICF in the future," said ICF Director Bill Little.

Bushor's first day to begin work at ICF will be March 7, 2012. "I am proud to have been selected to assume the role as administrator at Clinton Hickman ICF. Bill's shoes will be tough to fill as he spent the majority of his life as administrator there giving his heart and soul to the facility and community of Clinton. I look forward to assuming this role and working with the residents, staff and community leaders to continue to propel ICF as a leader in rehabilitation and long term care," said Bushor.

## FEBRUARY

### Friends of Columbus forms and has big ideas

Catherine Robilio

On Thursday evening the first organizational meeting of the 'Friends of Columbus-Belmont' group was held.

The Friends Group is being formed to support and promote Columbus-Belmont State Park. Comprised of community members and volunteers, Friends Groups for National Parks are being formed across the country.

As times change, organizations must adapt and evolve in order to survive. The group is not being formed because Columbus-Belmont is in hot water. The Park is not in jeopardy of closing.

The Friends Group, who elected a board of directors Thursday night, provides an opportunity for public participation in the Park.

The elected board of directors is as follows - President: Anita Bugg (Ballard County); Vice President: Allen Poole; Secretary: Dawn Mathis; Treasurer: Deena Pittman.

The group will be working to help raise funds in order to support and sustain possible cultural and social events for the benefit of the community.

A lot of people know where Columbus-Belmont State Park is and even attend a few events there a year.

The Park is a great place for family gatherings, weddings, reunions, and parties, but it is also a wonderful venue for special events.

There have been many suggestions over the years for different types of events that could be held, but the Park staff is small and that limits how much they can do.

This is where the Friends Group might be able to provide some relief.

During Civil War Days, the Park staff works day and night for two or three weeks, but this could not be done without the help of the Civil War Days committee.

If the Friends Group is successful, many more events and special projects would be possible.

These types of groups are becoming central to the success of National Parks. Because of budget gaps created by the stagnation of federal funding levels, groups like the newly formed Friends Group, can provide security for the future.

Currently, Columbus-Belmont has several areas of historic significance including the Civil War and the Trail of Tears. Also, the National Scenic Byway distinction.

The Park Maintenance Staff has recently developed a 'Nature Trail,' providing a lot of possibilities for future growth - like viewing areas and nature gardens. The Park is also a great place for walking and hiking.

The Kentucky Great River Road Organization is in the process of developing an Adventure Tourism Trail, and the Park will play a major role.

The future is there and this is an ideal opportunity to become part of history by helping the Park reach new levels.

The community has many talents and skills that can be shared and enjoyed by others - put them to good use and



**FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS-BELMONT PARK** - The first organizational meeting of the Friends of Columbus-Belmont Park group was held last Thursday evening. There was a large turnout and the possibilities for the park are continually evolving and growing. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of Columbus-Belmont State Park, now is the time! Contact Cindy Lynch for more information - cindy.lynch@ky.gov. (photo Catherine Robilio)

consider becoming a Friend of the Columbus-Belmont Park. For more information contact ky.gov or (270) 677-2327. Cindy Lynch: cindy.lynch@

## MARCH

### Tractor trailer wrecks on Ky. Hwy 307 South

At 10:04 a.m. on Tuesday March 20, the Hickman County Sheriffs Office responded to a tractor trailer accident at the railroad underpass on Ky Hwy 307 South. Assisting the sheriffs office were members of the Hickman County Rescue Squad and Clinton-Hickman County EMS.

The road was blocked for approximately 4 hours. CVE Officer Paul Sparkman responded to the accident scene due to the fact that a tractor trailer was involved.

According to the information gathered from the driver, he was supposed to be going to Fulton from Memphis but made a wrong turn. He also stated that he did not see the signs about the low underpass. The driver, 28 year old Steven Taylor of Memphis, was cited for several violations. The



This accident blocked traffic on Hwy. 307 for four hours.

trailer was removed from the scene by Buddies Wrecker Service from Union City, Tn.

Luckily no one was in the opposite lane, and the driver wasnt injured. Railroad inspectors responded to the scene to make sure the underpass had not been affected by the accident. The truck belonged to Trans Carriers form Memphis, Tn.

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# Babies of 2012

Time to get ready, a new year is here, Get ready to cheer, As we celebrate the babies of this past year!

**Emmalyn Kate Richardson**  
July 25, 2012  
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Editorial / Opinion

APRIL

Accident leaves 1 dead

The Hickman County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to investigate a motor vehicle collision Thursday evening, Apr. 5 at 4:05 p.m. The collision was on US Hwy 51 South just past State Route 1529.

Two vehicles were involved in the collision sending five people to the hospital. A blue Ford Ranger was North Bound on Hwy 51 and a white Chevy Malibu was South bound.

The Malibu was driven by Mr. Carl Patton of Clinton.

Mr. Patton had two passengers Elton and Samantha Freeman of Fulton. Mr. Patton was giving the couple a ride to their van that had run out of gas just past where the collision happend.

Mr. Patton and his passengers were treated and released from Parkway Regional E.R. for minor injuries.

The truck was driven by Mr. Andrew Gilliland of Mayfield and his passenger



**THURSDAY'S WRECK** - Two vehicles were involved in a motor vehicle collision Thursday evening at 4:05 P.M. The collision was on US Hwy 51 South just past State Route 1529. Above, a white Chevy Malibu that was headed was South bound on 51.

was Lisa Powell of South Fulton. Both Mr. Gilliland and Miss Powell were ejected from the vehicle.

Miss Powell was taken to Parkway Regional E.R. and then air lifted to Memphis trauma unit. Mr. Gilliland was taken to Parkway Regional E.R. where he later died of injuries sustained in the collision.

The Hickman County Fire and Rescue Squad and the Clinton Hickman

County Ambulance Service assisted on scene as well as transporting to the hospital.

Tri Cities EMS also responded to transport due to the number of people injured in the collision.

The Hickman County Sheriff's Office was assited by Troopers Mike Cook and Richie Wright of the Kentucky State Police.



**My View**

By Dennis Richardson

Looking ahead

If as much occurs in 2013 as it did in 2012 we are looking at a busy year.

Because we have early deadlines to allow our printing plant and newspaper staffs to enjoy a much-deserved four-day weekend this column is being penned Friday morning. By the time it is in our readers' hands maybe we will have plunged off the "fiscal cliff" and maybe something will have happened to avoid such a plunge. And maybe legislators will have simply filed an extension and gone on their merry way.

Honestly, I really do not understand all the details of such a "fiscal cliff", nor do I really try to understand all those details. After all, isn't that what a large part of our tax dollars go for? It is times like these when our politicians (really probably more like their accountants) crunch numbers and earn their keep. So why should I worry?

Back to all that occurred in 2012.

With the shootings at the elementary school in Connecticut, gun control issues, a presidential election, a hurricane by the name of Sandy, and what seems like many more catastrophes than normal, really, a lot happened in 2012.

One thing did not happen. The world did not end Dec. 21.

Gun control:

I disagree with those who say that we need more gun control. I am not any kind of a hunter and when it comes down to it I probably could not hit the broad side of a barn, but I am against any more restrictions on gun ownership.

After all, take the guns away from the good guys/gals and only the bad guys/gals will have them. They will get them somehow. Who are we

to be so naïve to think that they won't?

All in all I do not wish to be pessimistic. Sure, there has been a lot of bad stuff to happen. But there has also been a lot of good stuff.

School shootings: Like most, our hearts go out to the families of those who were victims of the Sandy Hook shootings. I cannot imagine anything worse.

The storms: these things happen. Storms are going to hit somewhere, it is just part of nature. I hate it for the victims. And I am thankful for a merciful God and a benevolent nation.

On the bright side:

Our high school athletic teams have enjoyed some successes. The Tennessee football program faces an uncertain, but optimistic future under a new coaching regime. All we can do there is wait and see.

The economy seems to be rebounding.

Interest rates have been very low and from reports I see, they look to remain low for 2013. Historically, the economy seems to go in cycles. It has been down so many years that it is likely to trend back up. If it doesn't, well, it doesn't.

Consumers spent billions of dollars on Christmas. Where did that money come from? Savings or more consumer debt?

While not setting any records, people seemed to buy what they wanted. Retailers report tons of merchandise moved out the door. Much of it was big-ticket items.

Where did all the "stuff" go?

Where do we put it all?

I am optimistic about 2013. Why should I be anything else? The little bit that I contribute is miniscule.

So that said, back to the future. Namely 2013. My family takes this time to wish each and every one a very happy and prosperous New Year.

MAY

The rumors are true, Arbor Place to re-open

Catherine Robilio

"It's been a long time coming," said Hickman County Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt. "The rumors are true."

Officials at Diversicare, a known leader in the long-term care, residential care, and senior's housing industries, have signed a lease and taken over the Arbor Place facility, hoping to bring patients and residents in by June.

When it was announced in April 2011 that Medicare/Medicaid termination was the driving force behind the closure of Arbor Place, Hickman County lost 104 jobs and 80 residents.

The devastating effects of the facility's closure have been seen across the county over the past year.

A prime example of the effect of Arbor Place's closing has had on the county is the financial troubles that the Clinton-Hickman County Ambulance Service has been facing.

According to Diversicare's website, their mission is "to provide opportunities for residents, who are mainly older adults, to live as independently as possible, for as long as they are able, in an environment that provides the highest quality of healthy emotional, social and spiritual support."

Trella Wilson, a Hickman County native,



Trella Wilson, Arbor Place Administrator

will be Administrator. Wilson grew up in Hickman County, graduated from Hickman County High School, and she is ready to "give a little back to the community."

"I was really excited when we finally got the call," Wilson said. "The company (Diversicare) is very stable."

Wilson stated that her goal is to help bring back quality employees to the facility.

"I consider this a new beginning," she said. Officials at Diversicare have already spoken with Clinton Mayor Tommy Kimbro and also sponsored a scholarship for a HCHS 2012 senior.

"Let's become their partner and make this work - we need the beds and the jobs," Pruitt said.

JUNE

City Council creates city administrator position

Charlotte Smith

When the Clinton City Council meets on July 2,

the newly established non-elected position of the Office of City Administrator could be appointed by

Mayor Tommy Kimbro with approval from the City Council. The position of City Administrator was established during a special called meeting of the Council on Saturday, June 16 when Emergency Ordinance 06-03-2012 was approved.

The responsibilities of the City Administrator (CA) will be to enforce City Code of Ordinances, direct Ordinance compliance actions to include enforcement actions taken by the Clinton Police Department and advise the Mayor in policy formation on the overall problems of the city. The CA will also be available to the Mayor and City Council at all City Council meetings and may attend community and city boards, commissions, and

IN COURAGE

BY BETH AMONETT

The 7 lies of the New Years Resolution

I can't believe it's 2013! Can you? At the top of a new year, most of us feel like we have a fresh start; a new beginning or a do-over. We play it out as New Year Resolutions. Actually, it's more like lies. For kicks and grins, here is a list of the most common (what I call) 7 Lies of New Year's Resolutions:

1. Lose weight and exercise.
2. Stop smoking; drink less (you get the idea).
3. Eat healthy.
4. Spend less and save more (money).
5. Get organized (control the chaos at work, home, etc.)
6. Spend more time with the family.
7. Have more satisfaction and success at work.

Does that sound familiar? Maybe we should call this list Hopes for the New Year! Hope is a happier word than lies. But, why do we do this over and over?

Truth is, most of the time, we don't make serious plans to succeed. We set ourselves up for the defeating attitude of failure. In a perverse way it allows us to continue along on our familiar, uncomfortable path only to wind up at the same place next year according to Time magazine. Been there; done most of that. Interesting how many of our good intentions are about our health.

Years ago I stopped making resolutions because I realized that my list included all the things I needed to do, but wasn't ready to commit. The beginning of the year isn't a magic bullet

that will suddenly make us do what we aren't ready to do. It's just one that we get to use once a year to make us feel better for a little while. At least that is my experience. The truth is that humanly we don't make changes unless we are forced due to some event or circumstance. That is a shame, but if hard things were easy we would have no need of courage and no need to trust in others or find faith in God to help us. Those are good things.

Instead of resolutions, I always look for a watchword. Last year it was a verse of scripture about "great and unsearchable things" from Jeremiah. This year it is a word—return. Funny how my mind was far away from a watchword when I received this one! Love it when things like that happen.

As you know, courage is my personal battle cry and God is my commander. As I say so long to 2012, it is with thankfulness for a wonderful year in every way that counts. My family is well, my friendships are deep, and my faith in God is stronger for every challenge faced. Perfect? There is always ample room for growth, but without doubt, I am blessed.

You may be asking, how are these things connected; lies posing as resolutions, watchwords, battle cries of courage, and blessings? All of these are about direction. Where will we go in the coming year? How will we get there? What will be required of us in 2013 and are we prepared for what comes. Now, that is something to think about regarding our new year of, as yet, unwritten history. We will all find our paths. Some we will choose; some will be

taken only by default because we made no choice.

Sometime soon, I'm certain I will tell you about "return" and why that is my watchword and what it means, but for now I am asking if you have any of those lies/resolutions on your to-do-list for 2013? I confess the absolute conviction that overcame me when I couldn't get into some of my holiday clothes! I didn't need the voice of God to tell me the solution to the problem.

The middle of December I began a new way of living. To date, I am 8 lbs. down and 61/2 inches smaller. I felt so good the other night on my way to the grocery that I almost cried. It has been too long since I felt so alive!! God is good all the time, and ladies and gentlemen "we have lift-off"! The message is to get going. Turn the "I need to", "I should haves" into "I did"!

In the dawning moments of a new year, think of what is within your power to accomplish. There is much we cannot control, but we can control who and/or what we allow in regard to choices for ourselves. The reward is over the top when we make good, healthy decisions.

Happy New Year! Bring it 2013! Until next week . . . in courage, my friend.

All comment, opinions, and questions are desired. Please email me at bethamonett@gmail.com and/or friend me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethamonett. You can never have too many friends!

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# CommunityNews

## Area Obituary

### Virginia Davis

Virginia Nell Wright Davis, 73, of Clinton, Ky. died at 5:55 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012 at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah.


She was of the Baptist faith. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Business & Professional Women’s Club and worked as a Registered Nurse.

Surviving are one son, George Davis of Clinton; and one brother, Jim Wright.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, George Wright II and Richard Wright. Her parents were George Blackwell and Louise Harkey Wright.

Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3 at Columbus Cemetery with Rev. Kenneth Yarbrough officiating.

### Richard Porter

 Richard C. (Dick) Porter, 79, of Montgomery, Ala., formerly of Clinton, Ky. died Friday, Dec. 28, 2012

He was a retired veteran of the USAF.

Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Juliette L Porter; one son, Ray (Cherrie) Porter; three daughters, Donna Jackson, Kelly Porter and Sheryl Label; one brother, Jack (Dixie) Porter; brother-in-law, George (Susan) Lauby; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial service with full military honors were at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013 at Brookside Funeral Home, with Rev. Winston Brooks officiating.

### Peggy Armbruster

Mary Allene “Peggy” Hopkins Armbruster, 81, of Clinton, Ky. died at 12:27 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2012 at Jackson Purchase Medical Center in Mayfield.

She was a member of New Harmony Baptist Church. She was a teacher’s aide at Fulgham Elementary School, deputy clerk in both county and circuit court offices and a seamstress.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Jane (Sidney) Howell and Linda Carol Burton, both of Clinton; six grandchildren, Carol (Shane) Byassee, Thomas (Amy) Crump, Jennie Crump, Joyce (Kendall) Byassee, Amanda (Matt) Hicks, all of Clinton and Josh (Mallory) Burton of Union City, Tenn.; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Rennick Armbruster, Jr. one brother, James F. Hopkins; and one grandchild, David Crump. Her parents were Vernon and Ollie Hopkins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan.3 at Brown Funeral Home in Clinton. Revs Rick Burton and David Gossum will officiate, with burial in Clark Cemetery.Friends may call from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Donations may be made to New Harmony Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Mickie Evans, 691 State Rt. 1475, Clinton KY 42031 or Gideons International, PO Box 1325, Fulton KY 42041.

## SENIOR CHATTER

with Tammie

It is so cold lately! Especially since our heating unit has a mind of its own! Our Adult Day Care room was a chilling 50+ degrees this morning! It looks like we are going to have to replace that unit soon. I can’t let my little seniors get sick!

We are going to put on a corn hole tournament in our building soon. We are leaving a sign up sheet in our foyer if you are interested. Also, we will let you more details next week. If you want us to put your name down just call us at (270) 653-4314.

I am proud to announce that Johnny Hobbs won our billiards tournament. He won the 8-Ball and the Short Rack Bank. Congratulations on a job well done Johnny!

Our Christmas pie fundraiser went well. Thank you to our community for your support with this fundraiser and all of our others.

Did I hear you say New Year’s Resolution? If you need to shed a few pounds after the holidays just come by the senior center’s new work out facility. A membership for is \$20 unlimited a month

or buy a whole year for a discount price of \$200! It is so exciting to see more and more people joining our work out facility. We invite you to bring a friend. The first time is free and each additional time during your first month is \$3. Once you join, the fee is only \$20 per month and we will be offering aerobics in the beginning of January. If you want to add aerobics to your workout the cost will be \$30 for unlimited usage of our work out facility and aerobics two times a week.

We still have open spots to rent our building for the holiday! Our building rental is \$50 with a \$25 cleaning fee. The cleaning fee is returned if you leave the building in good condition. We appreciate your support.

**The following is our activity schedule:**

**Wednesday, Jan. 2-** 10:30 a.m. - A cup of tea/tea pot collection.

1 p.m. - Card games 1 p.m.- All around the house Jingo.

**Thursday, Jan. 3 -** 10:30 a.m. -Winter Bingo. 12:30 p.m. - Arbor Place outing/BP Clinic. 6 p.m. - Card play.

**Friday, Jan. 4 -** 10:30 a.m.- Finish the lyrics. 1 p.m. - Ready set go.

**Monday, Jan. 7 -** 10:30 a.m. -Morning stretch.

**Tuesday, Jan. 8 -** 10:30 a.m. Scrap booking 12 noon-Birthday celebration 1 p.m. - January Bingo

**Our menu for Jan. 2- 8 is as follows:**

**Wednesday, Jan. 2 -** beef stew, confetti slaw, oat bran muffin,margarine,strawberry dessert and skim milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 3 -** Spaghetti & meat sauce, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, pineapple chunks, walnuts, margarine and skim milk.

**Friday, Jan. 4 -** Baked ham, navy beans, greens, cornbread, pineapple delight and skim milk.

**Monday, Jan. 7 -** Herb baked chicken, oven browned potatoes, carrots, peas, whole wheat roll, pumpkin mousse, almonds and skim milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 8 -** Baked pork chops, corn, baby lima beans, cornbread, mandarin oranges and skim milk.

Have a wonderful week. If you want to come visit us your are always welcome.

## Second Baptist News

By Cynthia Walton

“Thunder Roars While Jesus Snores” was Bro. Dustin Cunningham’s message from Mark 4:25-41 Sunday morning. Two joined the church, one by letter and one by baptism. We will have three baptized next Sunday night.

On Sunday night Bro. Tom Hoskins preached on “The Way to Approach God” from Luke 18: 9-14. He also sang and played his guitar. He is one of the preachers for our Watch Night service along with our pastor and Bro. Steve Hardy.

We will be having a baby shower for Sister Amanda Cunningham next Sunday afternoon, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. It’s a girl and she is registered at Babies R Us, Etc and Wal-Mart. All her friends and family are invited to join us.

Happy birthday in January to Johnny Riggs, Bro. Tom Hoskins, Fred Cox, Lisa Adams, Betty LeClere, Jerry Johnson, Brent Dublin and

Emma Griffin.

Happy anniversary this week to Dick and Melissa Burpo and Jimmy and Wanda Cox.

On our prayer list were Bro. Dustin and Amanda, Johnny and Johnna Riggs, Josh Harpole, John Hill, Dorothy Brady (hospital), Mildred Morrison, Josephine Shadwick, Austin Upshaw, Helen Holmes, Jean Anderson, Jackie Ballard, Sherry Jones, Wilma King, Ruth Jewell, Estelle Curlin, Sue Alexander, Teresa Pearson, Thomas Dublin, Janice Glasco, Charlie Cannon (surgery next Mon.), Harold and Emma Griffin, Dorothy Hoskins, our country, men & women in the military, the lost, each other, our church and elderly and shut ins.

Have a blessed week and a happy and prosperous New Year from all of us at Second.

## New Hope Missionary Baptist Church News

by Wanda Powell

On December 22, the youth group of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church went caroling at the nursing home in Fulton. We got to sing for Teresa Ferguson and the other residents at the nursing home.

The youth group also went caroling at Bro. Elvis and Ermie’s house, Bro. Carlton and Anne Francis’s house, Bro. Randy and Kathy McClure’s house and Tom and Joyce Gargus’s house. Our hearts were touched by the beautiful Christmas music.

On Dec. 23, David Ferguson read the devotion: “Now when Jesus was born in the days of Herod the King, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem (Matthew 2:1).

The youth group sang some Christmas carols for those who missed going to the nursing home.

Bro. Randy preached from Galatians 4:4, “But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law.” God gave us the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ.

At 5 p.m. Sunday night, the youth group and adults participated in the Nativity play. Our hearts were touched by the play. Always remember Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season.

Remember those who are in nursing homes (Teresa Ferguson and Mary Burpo. Birthday wishes go out to Wanda Crawell, Myrna Morrison, Joyce Gargus and Wanda Powell.

May God bless everyone.



## The Wilderness Voice

By Pastor Tom Hoskins

“LET IT ALONE THIS YEAR ALSO” (Luke 13:8). The dresser of the vineyard (gardener) pleaded thus with the owner to spare the barren fig tree another year. If it fails to produce then cut it down. We are at the onset of a new year; are there barren spots in our lives bereft of fruit for the Master: Should our Lord spare us another year, will we produce fruit worthy for the Master’s use? At the end of this year, should He grant

us days and strength, will He find what He is looking for. Should He even grant us this year when greater and more noble men and women have passed from us, when little children have been snatched away by insane killers and dreaded disease?

Did the fig tree bear fruit that year? We are not told, but being in control of our destiny we have a choice. May God give us grace to make the right choices this year.

## Art Council will meet January 21 at the Young Center


The Hickman County Arts Council will meet on Monday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. at the Young Center.

That is a change from the 4th Monday to accommodate members who have another meeting on 4th Mondays.

**MUSCOVALLEY**-We would like to thank everyone for the love and support that has been shown to our family over the past few months. Your encouragement and prayers continue to be a blessing to our family.

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**Every Monday:**

• AA meets at 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Clinton.

**First Monday:**

• Masonic Lodge 131 F&AM meets the first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**Second Monday:**

• Library Board meets the second Monday at the library at 4.

• **The Hickman Co. Arts Council** meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Young Center. The public is invited to attend. [www.hickmancoarts.com](http://www.hickmancoarts.com).

**Every Wednesday:**

• 7 a.m.- Community Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church.

**Every Wednesday and Saturday:**

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• **Hickman Co. Board of Education** normally meets the third Thursday of every month

• **Clinton City Council** meets first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Clinton City Hall and **Columbus City Council** meets at 6 p.m., the first Monday of the month at Columbus City Hall.

• **Hickman Co. Fiscal Court** will meet Monday, Jan. 14, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

• **Hickman Co. Art Council** will meet Monday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. in the Young Center in Clinton

Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge Turkey Quota Hunt

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces application procedures for 2013 turkey quota hunt to be held at the Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge on April 5-7th, 2013. Applications will be accepted at the Reelfoot National Wildlife Refuge office or postmarked within the month of January, 2013. In February, a drawing will be conducted to randomly select 50 permittees (25 for the Long Point Unit, 25 for the Grassy Island Unit). A permit fee of \$12.50 per hunter is payable upon notification of selection for the quota hunt. To apply for the drawing applicants must;

1.) Submit a stamped, self addressed, U.S. Postal Service Postcard. Place the postcard in an envelope and mail to the following address:

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Attn: Refuge Ranger

2.) Type or CLEARLY print the following information on the back of the U.S. Postal Service Postcard: Name,

address, phone number, unit of choice (Long Point or Grassy Island). Each application can have up to 4 hunters-1 hunter on the front of the post card, and up to 3 additional hunters on the back. To check if you have filled out your card correctly, please refer to our website below and click on the 'quota hunt' link.

The submission of multiple cards and illegible or incomplete name or address will disqualify the applicant(s). Federal and State hunting regulations apply. The bag limit is one (1) bearded turkey which counts as a bonus turkey. If a juvenile is participating, both the juvenile and their supervising adult must apply together on the same postcard in order to be eligible for a refuge permit. If selected, the juvenile must be under direct supervision of the adult during the hunt. Please contact the refuge office at (731) 538-2481, or check out our website at [fws.gov/reelfoot](http://fws.gov/reelfoot) for further information about refuge hunts.

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The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is considering loan applications for Michael and Andrea Williford, 1832 State Rt. 123 E., Clinton, KY 42031. This proposal is for the construction of 2 wean to finish Tosh hog barns located on Ray Spicer Road. This operation is not considered to have a significant environmental impact. If you have any questions or concerns, please address them in writing to the Farm Service Agency, 1000 Commonwealth Drive, Mayfield, KY 42066. All Signed Comments must be received at this address by January 23, 2013

Parenting practices and family routines: what Kentucky parents think

One New Year's resolution that should be on every parent's list is to talk to their kids about health related issues in 2013. Parents have more influence in a child's development than anyone else, and discussing their views on health helps to shape their child's behavior. The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky released results from its Kentucky Parent Survey about how often parents talk to their children about certain health issues. The survey found that:

More than half (53%) had shared their views on smoking or tobacco use with their child often or all the time.

Nearly 2 in 3 (62%) of parents with older children said they discussed their views on drug use often or all the time during the past year.

Just 1 in 5 (21%) of parents of older children said they had discussed their views on birth control with their child often or all the time during the past year.

"This is a New Year's resolution that parents can keep," said Susan Zepeda President/CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. "Talk to your children about your views on dating and substance use and maintaining a healthy lifestyle."

Studies show that parental monitoring and engagement can deter children from unhealthy behaviors and help improve their academic

achievement. The Kentucky Parent Survey also asked parents about spending time with their kids and how they learn to be good parents.

Additional Kentucky Parent Survey highlights reveal:

About 1 in 3 parents (33%) said they had played a sport, played a physical game or exercised with their child on 5 days during the preceding week.

More than half (54%) reported watching television with their child on at least 5 days during the past week.

Nearly half (48%) indicated they eat meals together as a family every day (national average is 46%)

About 2 in 3 (67%) said their child was responsible for completing a household chore on at least 5 days during the past week.

Eight in ten parents (80%) said that they spent at least 20 minutes talking with their child each day during the week prior to the survey.

The main places where Kentucky parents turn for information on parenting are the mass media (30%); their parents, family, and friends (27%); and the internet (21%)

When asked where they would look for information to keep their child healthy or to help him if he is sick, the main places named were health professionals (47%); the internet (25%); and their parents, family, and friends (17%).

"Raising a child is important, challenging work – and it is a job that we believe Kentucky parents are committed to doing well. The Kentucky Parent Survey shows that majority of parents are engaged in their child's life – sharing meals, watching television and talking," noted Zepeda, "but parents were a little less likely to report playing actively with their kids. Perhaps we should all resolve to be more physically active with our kids and have a little more fun in 2013."

The Kentucky Parent Survey assessed the views of parents, step-parents, grandparents, foster parents or other legal guardians of children in Kentucky.

The Parent Survey was conducted in July and August by the Center for Survey Research at the University of Virginia. More than 1,000 parents and guardians of children under 18 from throughout the state were interviewed by phone. The survey has a margin of error of ±3%.

Overall, the Kentucky parent survey provides a snapshot of parental views on a number of issues including health care, school and home life. The final parent survey will be released in late January and will include data from parents on the high school dropout age issue

The first survey report was released in September. All reports, released to date, are available on our website: <http://www.healthy-ky.org>

This New Year, resolve to get more sleep

(StatePoint) There are many popular New Year's resolutions that quickly come and go: eating healthy, losing weight, managing stress and saving money. In 2013, why not focus on one health change you'll enjoy sticking to... getting more sleep.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, the average American sleeps about six hours and 55 minutes per night during the week, and 15 percent of adults sleep less than six hours per night.

"Lack of sleep can take a significant toll on your overall health and interfere with some of your daily activities," said Dr. Michael Thorpy, director of the Sleep-Wake Disorders Center at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York.

Almost everybody has trouble sleeping now and then, but many Americans experience significant problems getting to sleep or continually wake up in the middle of the night and can't fall back asleep.

Such problems may be clinical symptoms of

insomnia. According to the National Sleep Foundation, if you have trouble falling asleep at night or staying asleep, or you wake up in the morning feeling unrefreshed, you may be suffering from insomnia.

Insomnia can affect people in different ways. Some sufferers have trouble initially getting to sleep, while others wake up in the middle of the night and have difficulty falling back asleep.

To help you get better sleep this year, Dr. Thorpy suggests these simple tips:

- Set and stick to a sleep schedule. Establish a regular bedtime and wake time.
- Set aside time at night to "wind down." Spend some quiet time before bedtime. Such activities as watching TV, using the computer or working right before bedtime, or in the bedroom, can make it harder to fall asleep.

• Avoid caffeine and alcohol before bed.

• Exercise regularly. Just don't exercise rigorously near bedtime and check with your doctor before starting an exercise regimen.

• Don't clock-watch. If you awaken in the middle of the night and stay in bed, don't lie there staring at the clock. And don't watch TV or use your laptop or cell phone, because these technologies stimulate the brain, making it tougher to fall back to sleep.

If these tips don't help, speak with your healthcare professional to help determine if you are suffering from insomnia and require treatment.

More information regarding insomnia is available at the National Sleep Foundation website at [www.sleepfoundation.org](http://www.sleepfoundation.org).



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JULY

Poole named as Clinton City Administrator

Daniel Richardson

After weeks of questions and debates, the City Council of Clinton officially named Allen Poole the position of City Administrator during their meeting Monday night. Poole has been serving as Chief of Police in the absence of Snapper Seaton, who has been deployed to Afghanistan. With Seaton's return to the United States and to his role as Chief of Police coming within the next couple of months, the city council had some tough decisions to make. The decision to appoint a City Administrator was viewed with

some speculation from the public.

Bill Bone addressed the council with concerns about why the decision was made and how it would affect the tax bills of the citizens of Clinton. Bone was also concerned about the potential "erosion of services" that could be a side effect of city budget adjustments. According to Mayor Tommy Kimbro, the appointment of a City Administrator will have minimal negative impact on city finances, and with a little time, could drastically improve the fiscal situation within the city.

"We already have a city employee who can do a job

that is badly needed," Kimbro said, "This will not impact your tax bill, and there will not be a further erosion of services." Since Poole was already a city employee, the marginal cost of appointing him as City Administrator will only cost the city less than \$5 an hour marginally.

There was also some public speculation as to the role of a City Administrator. Many reasoned that he will only be doing the mayor's job. The council explained that while the mayor holds a part-time position and can be paid no more than \$300 per month, the City Administrator will

work full-time and accomplish much more than the part-time mayor and council members are able to. According to the council, our community is far to often ignored by state bureaucrats. With a full-time City Administrator, these bureaucrats will have no choice but to address the concerns of our community.

While the City of Clinton now has a fulltime City Administrator, it is still a mayor-council governed city, with executive power remaining with the mayor. This is in contrast to municipal governments like Fulton, where the City Manager holds executive power and

governs the city. Clinton's new City Administrator's role will be primarily to attend all meetings of municipal parties, and pursue grants to improve the well being of the community.

The council passed resolution #2012-17-01 during the meeting. Under this resolution, the City Administrator has the authority to act as correspondent with the Department of Homeland Security and apply for and pursue grants thereunto pertaining. One such grant will be applied for to obtain new radios for the police department that will comply with the new narrow banding laws. The city's radios are too old to be updated,



Allen Poole served temporarily as Clinton Chief of Police before being appointed to the City Administrator Position

so they must be replaced completely.

Fiscal Court begins to look for extra space

Daniel Richardson

During last week's Fiscal Court meeting, as well as the prior one, the Hickman County Fiscal Court discussed purchasing the Extension building for \$50,000. Judge/Executive Greg Pruitt made the offer, and then another option came open.

"We were recently informed that the high school no longer has a use for the former Rec

Center building," Pruitt said on Monday. Negotiation is currently underway to allow the UK extension office to move into the building beside the high school (which is bigger and will better serve their needs) at no cost out of pocket.

If the extension office can move into that building, the County Judge's office may move into the current extension building, freeing up more space inside the courthouse.

"If we can make that move," Pruitt said, "The County Clerk can move in here and have this suite of offices (The County Judge/Executive's current office) to work with."

As it stands now, the County Clerk has very little room to work with in the courthouse. "We have a serious problem with lackof space in this building," Pruitt said referring to the courthouse. The electronic voting records have been stored

with the road department between elections, but that can no longer be done due to the nature of the records and their need for strict temperature regulation.

"No firm decisions have been made on the issue," Pruitt said. Nothing is finalized about the move and everything is still in the discussion stage, but hopefully a solution will arise that is to everyone's advantage.

Too much year in review... not enough space

Pick up next week's issue of The Hickman County Gazette to see the recap of August through December of 2012

SCHOOL

Four locals obtain degrees from UTM, Mid-Continent

MAYFIELD, KY. – Saturday, December 1st, 2012, Dr. Robert Imhoff, President of Mid-Continent University, conferred degrees for approximately 360 students. Commencement ceremonies were held at Graves County High School in Mayfield, Kentucky. Amber Crider graduated Magna Cum Laude with an Associates of Science degree, and Mary Dionne Keene graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. The Mid-Continent University December 2012 graduates represent a diverse group of students, including graduates from the Dr. James W. Cecil

Baptist College of the Bible, traditional students through The Baptist College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Business Management degrees, Associate of Science, and Master of Science in Human Resource Management degrees through the accelerated adult ADVANTAGE. Mid-Continent University offers the traditional college experience on the main campus in Mayfield, KY. MCU also offers the accelerated adult ADVANTAGE option

which provides accredited degrees face-to-face in 29 cities and towns throughout Kentucky and southern Illinois or online. The unique cohort format allows adults students to fit a college education into their busy lives. Face-to-face classes are offered one night a week with one class at a time. Adults can earn an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Mid-Continent University is a private, non-profit, Southern Baptist affiliated

organization. MCU is regionally accredited and headquartered in Mayfield, Kentucky. If you are interested in information about enrolling visit [www.midcontinent.edu](http://www.midcontinent.edu) or call 1-888-MCU-GRAD.

MARTIN, Tenn. - Two Clinton Residents were among students who received degrees from the University of Tennessee at Martin during the recent fall commencement held in the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center on the UT Martin Campus. The students receiving undergraduate degrees from Clinton were William Scott O'Neal, Sheila Ann Johnson.



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# Falcons dominate Mayfield Cardinals

**Makenna LeBlanc**

On Tuesday, Dec. 18, the Falcons hosted the Mayfield Cardinals. The Varsity boys team was the only team to play for the night, and they dominated over the Cardinals! The game started off with a lead for the Cardinals, scoring about 4 points ahead of the Falcons for the first half. After a pep talk from their coaches at half time, the boys were ready to pull a win. They played aggressively and had great defense. The Falcons took the lead and ended up winning by a 3-point margin. The final score for the game was 51-48. Good job boys!

The Falcons will be back in action after Christmas break with the big Carlisle game, which will be held at home on Friday, Jan. 4.

**REBOUND** - Ryan Harpole goes for a rebound against the Mayfield Cardinals on Tuesday, Dec. 18. The final score for that game was 51-48. Go Falcons!

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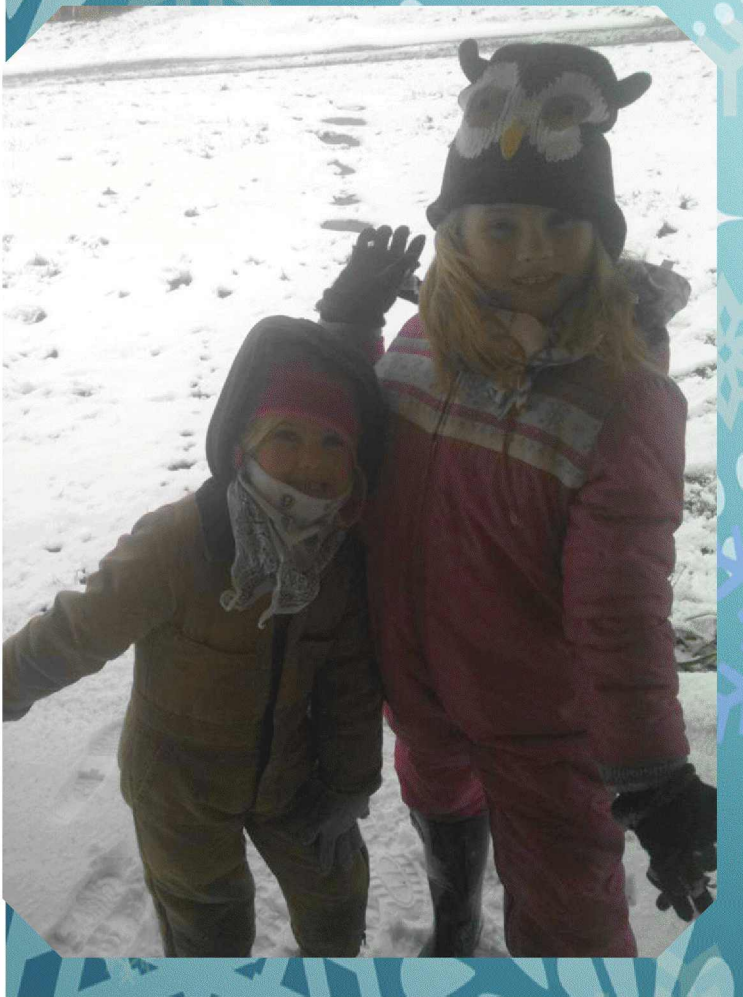
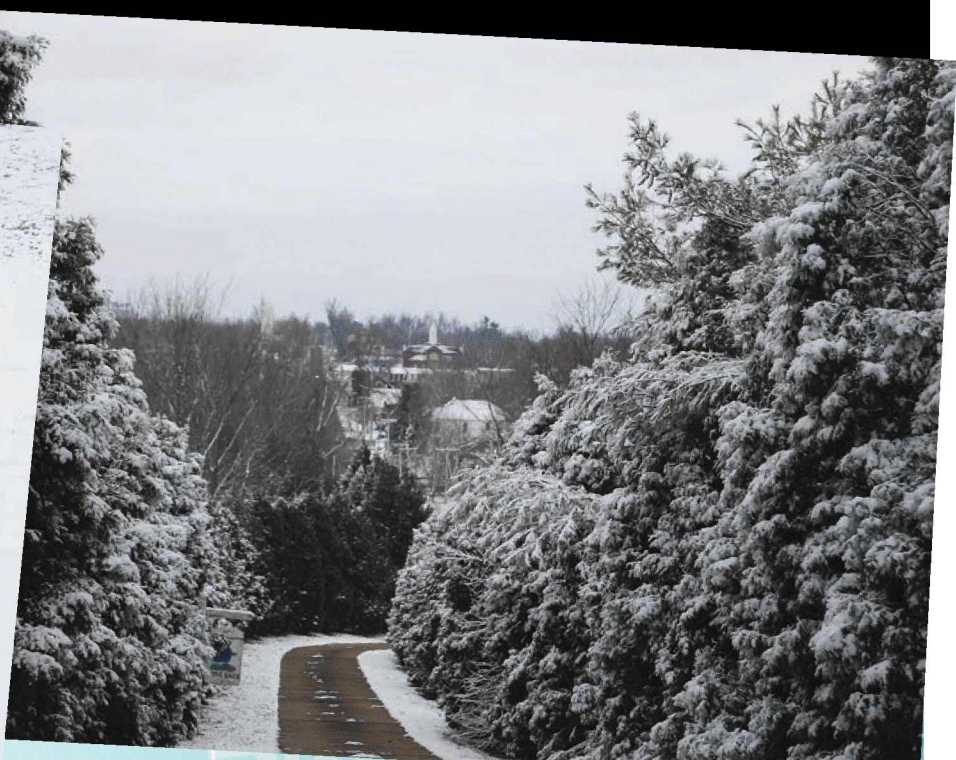
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